

Remarks

The restriction requirement mailed on December 16, 2003 requires restriction between:

Group I: Claims 1-18, 23-25, and 30, drawn to an indicator device, classified in class 422, subclass 56.

Group II: Claim 19, drawn to a method of making an indicator device, classified in class 427, subclass 2.

Group III: Claims 20-22, and 26-29, drawn to methods of detecting spoiled foods, classified in class 436, subclass 2.

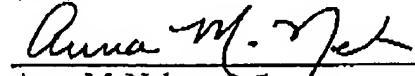
Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-18, 23-25, and 30. Regardless of the restriction and subsequent election, Applicant notes that based on MPEP § 821.04, once a product claim is found allowable, claims directed to the process of using and making that product (which contain all of the limitations or are dependent from the allowable product claim) will be rejoined. The claims directed to the process of using and making that product must then be fully examined for patentability. MPEP § 821.04.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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